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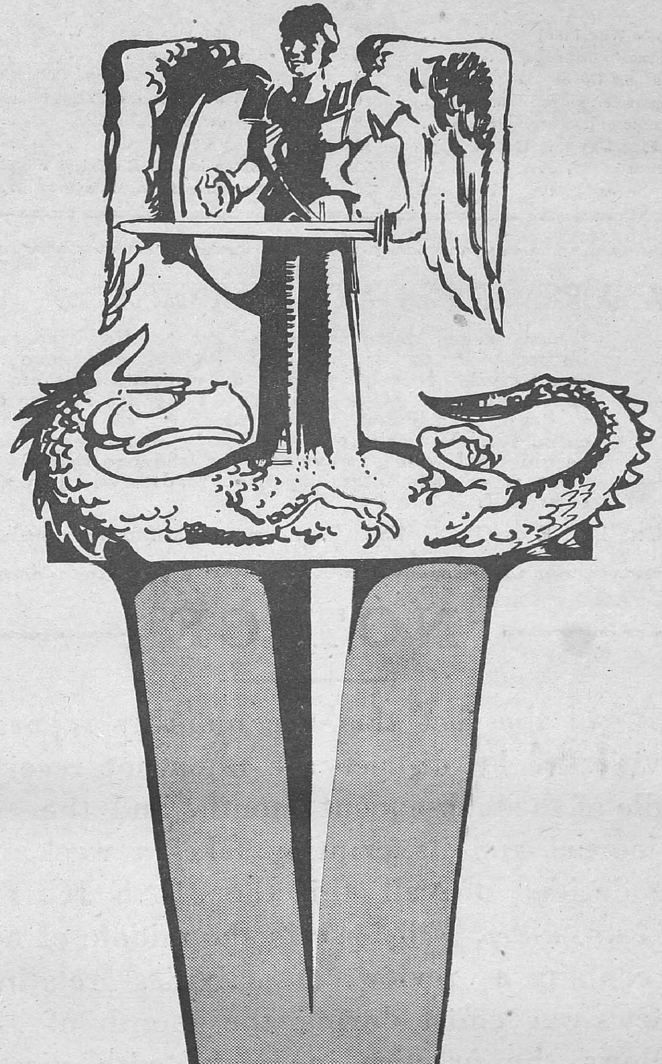

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KEEN AND READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

I have seen detachments of troops (in Madras), and these impressed me as keen and ready for any emergency. I have seen your civil defence services, and I congratulate them on their smart appearance and large numbers They are fortunate in being so well-equipped in ambulances and other vehicles which are well-cared for. With these examples of your militaiy and civil defence services before me, I have every confidence that if the call should come, whether to defend or attack, Madras will give a good account of herself.

—H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, *in a message to Madras published on 23rd June.*

NOTICE

IN VIEW of the fact that the monthly reports of war activities in the districts are often not received before the middle of the subsequent month, and the compilation of this journal and its printing takes a week or so more, we have decided to call this the JUNE–JULY number. The August number will issue in the middle of August, and it will contain a review of activities relating to the Presidency's war effort during the month of July 1942. This follows the practice in vogue with most monthly journals.

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the Mufassal districts for publication in the next number of the VICTORY. The photographs intended for publication should reach him before the ~~9th August~~ 12th Sept 1942.

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Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

	RS.	A.	P.
Contributions to the above Fund including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund amounted on the 29th June 1942 to ..	2,05,48,544	7	11

Details of disbursements

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund prior to the closing of that Fund and to the handing over of the undisbursed balance to the Madras Governor's War Fund ..	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund :—			
To specific charities and to the Joint War Charities Committee earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	11,70,625	4	10
By Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons ..	1,70,00,000	0	0
By Indian Air Force ..	10,50,000	0	0
By Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of armoured carriers ..	4,10,000	0	0
By Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment and for training Flying Instructors, etc. ..	3,08,970	3	1
By His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence Purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	12,597	14	6
By Relief of Evacuees ..	81,340	14	5
By Salvation Army for the entertainment of and supply of meals to troops ..	3,000	0	0
By purchase of motor boat, Station wa on, etc., from amounts earmarked for M. & S. M. Railway, Rayapuram District Armoured Car Fund ...	6,600	0	0
	2,02,95,195	2	4
Balance as at close of business on 29th June 1942 ..	2,53,349	5	7

In *GUNTUR* district, during the quarter, three dramas were enacted in aid of His Excellency the Governor's War Fund. The public response was very good.

In *SALEM* district, during the quarter, a benefit performance was given at Salem and a sum of Rs. 5,190 was collected. The benefit performance given at Edapaddy realized Rs. 898–4–0. The proprietors of cinema houses in Salem each contributed Rs. 10 every month to the War Fund.

In *SOUTH KANARA* district, field dramas and benefit performances were held to augment collections to the War Fund.

In *CUDDAPAH* district, " V " sign articles such as studs, rings and buttons were sold and the sale proceeds Rs. 229–9–6 credited to the War Fund.

In *BELLARY* district, the Spitfire Carnival Bellary, gave a benefit performance and donated a sum of Rs. 200 to the War Fund.

In *KISTNA* district, the Natyakala Prakasa Mandali of Bezwada enacted the drama " Bobbili " in Nuzvid, Gudivada and Masulipatam in aid of the War Fund.

In *MADURA* district, lump sums of Rs. 500, Rs. 250 and Rs. 255–3–9 were received during the month from Palni, Tirumangalam and Dindigul taluks, being the proceeds of benefit performances.

The Madras Ambulance Fund

The total receipts of the Fund for the month of June excluding all amounts received through His Excellency The Governor's War Fund or the Joint War Charities Committee are as under :

	RS.	A.	P.
Total receipts to 31st May 1942 received by the Madras Ambulance Fund direct	1,37,834	3	10
Amounts received direct during the month of June ..	1,547	1	1
Total ..	1,39,381	4	11

H.E. The Governor's Tour

On May 31, His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope presided over a public meeting held at the Cockburn Pavilion, Kotagiri, when he spoke on the war situation. During the meeting a purse of Rs. 5,200 subscribed by the local planters and residents was presented to him.

His Excellency addressed another public meeting at Coonoor on June 3 under the auspices of the Coonoor War Publicity Sub-Committee, when also he spoke on the war.

His Excellency visited Trichinopoly on June 18 and 19 when he carried out an inspection of military units and locations. During the visit he also addressed a public meeting on the subject of the war, granted interviews, and inspected the work of the A.R.P. Services.

War Committees and Depots

Propaganda Sub-Committee

There was a meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee on June 29. The Sub-Committee approved of a leaflet on " Grow More Food." It was decided that it should be published immediately in English and in the Indian languages of the province.

The speech delivered by Mr. D. N. Strathie on the occasion of the United Nations' Flag Day at the Victoria Public Hall on June 14 on the need for " staying put " in an air raid, was translated in the Indian languages of the province and published as a leaflet of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee resolved that five prizes of Rs. 100 each be offered by the Sub-Committee for the best composition containing familiar proverbs, sayings and quotations in each of the five Indian languages of the province, applied to modern war conditions and for recording the composition, accompanied by music, for the gramophone.

The Director of War Publicity supplied details regarding the work of the propaganda vans, the making of new slides and the distribution of films. He also pointed out that a good number of the propaganda vans were being used by the National War Front organizations, in furtherance of War Propaganda.

Recruitment Sub-Committee

Lieut.-Col. Edward Walker of the Salvation Army was co-opted as a member of the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

The Sir Arthur Hope Club for Indian Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen was opened by His Excellency the Governor on June 17. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen attended the function which was a success.

Government have invited applications for the post of a Principal, for the Pre-cadet Training school. The Madras Provincial Selection Board will select candidates for admission to this school.

The work of the District Recruitment Sub-Committee is progressing. Members of the Provincial Recruitment Sub-Committee offered their assistance to tour the districts, where their assistance is required, to speed up recruitment by doing propaganda to induce youngmen to join the Army.

The Madras Provincial Selection Board met thrice during this month and interviewed 127 candidates. Thirty-seven candidates were selected for Land Force, 14 for Air Force and 4 for Navy.

Joint War Charities Depot

The Depot was very busy this month with the provision of supplies for local military hospitals and units. Such necessaries as sheets and blankets, pyjamas and hot water bottles, bandages, lint and cotton wool, Mackintosh sheeting and Primus stoves were sent to military hospitals and field ambulances, as well as amenities such as a wireless set, a gramophone and records, cigarettes and ash trays, shaving tackle, writing materials, books and games. In addition to this, the units stationed in and near Madras constantly sent in requests to the Depot for their various needs. The request was usually for "something to read," and in response to this, a circulating library was started from which books were issued in batches of 50 to the various units, who may change them as often as they like—a very popular arrangement. A circulating library of gramophone records also was set up so that units who are tired of their old records, may bring them in and change them. Gifts to both these libraries will be very welcome. Games equipments both indoor and out, for many of these units, were provided. The Depot also assisted the local canteens by acting as a central purchasing agency for cigarettes and other things. The Depot will soon be able to send out a mobile canteen of its own to the remoter posts.

St. John Ambulance

In *TINNEVELLY* district, First-aid classes were conducted by the medical officers in the district. Examinations will be held for those who had completed the course.

Photo taken at the opening function of the V HOUSE restaurant in Madras by the Hon'ble Mr. H. M. Hood, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor.

Ladies Auxiliary and Working Party

In *TRICHINOPOLY* district, the Women's Work Party did useful work in supplying hospital requisites, as shown below:

Hospital requisites 889.

Knitted garments 59.

In *MADURA* district a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee for War Charities, Dindigul, was held on June 17. A new President was elected and an additional member co-opted. It was decided to hold a propaganda meeting for the school children and women of the town.

War Publicity Officers' Tours

During the month of June the Director of War Publicity toured in Salem and Coimbatore districts and inspected the following Reading Circles where meetings were also held and the villagers informally addressed :—

Salem district—

Puduchatram.

Sellappampatty.

Thuppur.

Nallampalli.

Coimbatore district—

Periyanayakkanpalaiyam.

Sarkarsamakulam.

He also met the District War Committees in both Districts Headquarters, explained the National War Front, and invited and answered questions. He also addressed public meetings at Namakkal and at Dharmapuri.

Mr. H. K. Matthews, I.C.S., Personal Assistant to the Director of War Publicity, visited Calicut on June 1 and 2 and Ootacamund on June 4 and 5 and discussed National War Front work with the District Organizers.

Publicity Staff

A part-time Urdu Journalist was appointed to the Press section of the Office of the Director of War Publicity with effect from June 6th and the first issue of the Urdu counterpart of the *Madras War Review* was published on June 12th. There are now four counterparts of the *Review* in Indian languages, viz., *Yuddha Sanchikai* (Tamil), *Yuddha Sanchika* (Telugu), *Yuddha Sanchika* (Malayalam) and *Tabsira-E-Jung* (Urdu).

Posters

The following posters were supplied this month from the Office of the Director of War Publicity :—

"A mighty army grows in India for the re-conquest of Burma—Are you helping?"
"More arms for India—A record convoy reaches India's shores."
"Churchill to Stalin—Victory is Ours."
"Twice in three days 1,000 planes harry the Huns."
"Britain baffles Rommel in Libya, bombs the Ruhr in Germany, and brings through convoys to Russia—Tails up."
"Watch the mounting offensive and take heart."
"Great naval victory for the Allies-America strikes Japan a crippling blow off Midway Islands."
"Allied production of airplanes is now double that of the combined Axis Powers."
"Only together and only when Nazism is dead will 27 Nations discuss peace."

Leaflets and Pamphlets

The following leaflets and pamphlets were distributed during the month :

"Bomber command."
"Atlantic meeting."
"A giant awakes."
"An atrocious proposal."
"Battle of Britain" (Tamil).
"Civil Defence."

Films

The following films were distributed during the month :—

"Madras must not burn" (A.R.P. film.)
"Aiming High."
"War and Order."
"Mercy Brigade."
"Citizen Fireman."

Government Departments and War Effort

Agricultural Department

Finance.—A sum of Rs. 83-9-6 was contributed by the members of the Department towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund. Defence Savings Certificates and stamps worth Rs. 100-8-0 were purchased and a sum of Rs. 191 was paid towards Defence Provident Fund. Besides, a sum of Rs. 12 was deposited in the Defence Savings Bank (in lieu of Income-tax) by the Fruit Specialist, Kodur.

Propaganda.—The usual activities of the members of the district staff in educating the masses about the present war situation were continued. War propaganda lectures were delivered as usual by the District Staff.

When the Director of Agriculture was on tour in Anantapur and Bellary districts during the month, he addressed very largely-attended public meetings at Hindupur, Penukonda,

Bellary, Halaharvi and Kurugodu, besides having informal discussions with a large number of people at Hospet and Adoni on the imperative need to grow more food crops in preference to commercial crops and also explained the ways and means of making the districts self-sufficient with regard to food supply.

A special tour during the month was undertaken by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore, in the districts of Coimbatore, Ramnad and Tinnevelly and he addressed the public on the necessity of growing more food crops and availing themselves of the concessions recently granted by the Government. The members of the department also co-operated in the holding of meetings held in the districts in connexion with the United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day celebrations during the month.

Recruitment.—Young men were advised to enlist themselves in the army. The District Agricultural Officer, Trichinopoly, submitted two applications for war service from Udayarpalayam taluk in Trichinopoly district. Six candidates were enrolled out of 15 recommended by the District Agricultural Officer, Madura, in Dindigul taluk in Madura district. Two coolies employed at the Agricultural Research Station, Kasaragod, joined the war service. The Agricultural Demonstrator, Arni, helped three young men to enlist in the army. One candidate recommended by the District Agricultural Officer, South Kanara, for the War Technician Training Scheme was selected. The Store-keeper of the District Agricultural Officer, South Kanara, was transferred to A.R.P. Office work.

One of the fieldmen attached to the Agricultural Research Station, Aduturai, who was appointed as Laboratory Assistant in the Indian Medical Department, proceeded to join his new appointment.

Civil Defence.—A.R.P. practices in fire-fighting were conducted by the Oil-Seeds Specialist during the month. The members of the department advised the ryots during the course of their tours about the importance of lighting restrictions and explained the A.R.P. regulations. The educated young men were advised to enlist themselves in the Civil Guards. The District Agricultural Officer, Anantapur, and his staff at Anantapur enrolled themselves as members of the National War Front during the month.

Entertainment.—An agricultural drama was enacted at Hindupur during the visit of the Director of Agriculture to that place. In the Agricultural Associations and in the Reading Circles, war pictures were shown to villagers.

New Facilities.—The ryots were informed of the various new facilities offered by Government for cultivating waste lands and porambokes and for growing more food crops.

The investigation of the possibility of obtaining sufficient quantity of alkaloid from a sterile substratum on which the fungus grows was started by the Government Mycologist during the month.

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Engineering Department.

Static water-supply.—Fourteen tanks were completed during the month, making a total of 84 tanks up to the end of the month and work on nearly 20 tanks was in full progress. Sites were selected for another 30 tanks, making a total of 134 tanks up to date. Fifteen tanks by gunniting process were selected, of which 2 were completed and 4 are in progress. Seven cases of filling in storm water drains with water from Cooum and Buckingham Canal were taken up during the month, for which estimates were sent up to the Engineer, Corporation of Madras, for 3 cases.

Slit trenches and street shelters.—The question of refuge sites in crowded streets (where street shelters were not provided) for persons who may be caught in the open during Air Raids, was taken up this month. About 76 sites were selected in Georgetown area and ownership of houses were obtained for further action. Estimates were prepared for a major portion of them. Slit trenches lined and unlined were completed in 83 sites so far to accommodate nearly 30,000 people and street shelters were completed in 70 sites to accommodate nearly 3,400 persons in different parts of the City.

Wardens' posts.—Strengthening of Wardens' posts in case of 189 have been completed and in progress in the case of 22.

Aided-schools and colleges.—Works in respect of 33 cases were started and estimates prepared in respect of 130 cases during the month.

General.—The cement situation improved during the month and sufficient quantity of cement was received from Bezwada via railway and Buckingham Canal and this helped the progress of A.R.P. works during the month.

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Department of Commerce and Industries

As a preliminary to the supply of woollen blankets to the Stores Department, samples of handloom blankets prepared by the Bislahalli and Salkapuram Cumbly Weavers' Societies were sent to the Chief Inspector of Stores and Clothing, Cawnpore, and approved of by him. It is hoped that the Societies would be able to supply the blankets at the prices quoted by the Stores Department.

Urgent military orders for the following quantities of silk woven ligature guts were manufactured and supplied to the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, during the months of April and May 1942 :—

Quantity of ligature guts.	Quantity supplied during						Total value.		
	April 1942.	Value.	May 1942.	Value.					
		RS.	GUTS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Medium	Nil.	Nil.	262,100	13,107	8	0			
Fine size.	28,000	1,400	34,000	1,700	0	0			
		1,400		14,807	8	0	16,207	8	0

Soaps for the comfort of the troops were supplied against orders received from the Red-Cross Societies and other public bodies.

In all the Government Industrial Schools attached to this department, training of War Technicians was undertaken and a large number of persons were trained in different trades such as electricians, fitters, millers, turners, blacksmiths, carpenters and tin and coppersmiths, for employment in the Indian Army Ordinance Factories.

Keen enthusiasm was also evinced by the staff of this department at various centres, in joining civil defence services such as A.R.P.

Teachers in Fisheries Schools of West Coast conducted several meetings, explaining to the people the war situation and also helped the recruiting staff to procure suitable recruits for coast guard duties.

Public Works Department

Works for A. R. P. Personnel.—A central control room which is blast and splinter-proof has been provided at Cuddalore, N. T. Depots have been provided at Cuddalore, O.T., and Manjakuppam, and bomb demonstration shed has been constructed at Manjakuppam. Garages to house the fire-engines, Ambulance cars and Reserve service lorries have been constructed at Manjakuppam and Cuddalore, O.T.

For the Public.—Open slit trenches in earth have been provided wherever the soil can keep its shape. Construction of masonry lined slit trenches has been taken up for execution where the soil is light. The wards in Head-quarters Hospital and Veterinary Hospital at Cuddalore, N. T., have been made splinter-proof.

For the officers.—Subsidiary schemes have been prepared for all the offices at Cuddalore and have been communicated to the heads of the offices. Provision of refuge rooms in all the offices is under good progress.

The buildings occupied by the District Court and Government Training School for Masters at Manjakuppam have been given suitable colour washing as a measure of camouflage.

Blood Bank

Mr. J. V. Premia, a clerk in the Office of the Commissioner of Labour, donated nine ounces of blood to the Madras Blood Bank.

National War Front and other Activities

Propaganda Meetings in the Districts

In *CHINGLEPUT* district, public meetings were held by the members of the Divisional War Committee according to the programme drawn up by the Presidents of those Committees. War propaganda pamphlets such as "The Army at War", "The Pick up of India's Young men", "The Tojo Calamity", "Co-prosperity Unmasked", "A Thousand Bombers," etc., were distributed. The lantern slide of an armoured car named after the district was exhibited. The war film, "Citizen Fireman" was sent to Madurantakam taluk for screening. A war propaganda meeting was held in the Depressed Classes quarters at Konnur, under the presidenship of Mr. N. P. Rajagopal, Vice-President of the local Panchayat Board. Messrs. G. Krishnamurthi, M. Ramakrishna Pillai and S. David addressed the gathering.

In *TINNEVELLY* district, the District Organizer formed National War Front Committees at Palamcottah, Sengalakurichi, Kalakad, Valliyur, Delapathisamudram, Nanguneri, Murugalakurichi, Courtallam, Kanji, Pottalpudur, Kayalpatnam and Kayamoli. At all these places public meetings were held. Mr. K. Krishnayya, Revenue Divisional Officer, held four propaganda meetings at Palavoor, Suthamalli, Kodanganallur and Kondanagaram. Dr. S. Sambasivam Pillai, District Educational Officer, delivered propaganda lectures at all the Parents' Association meetings presided over by him. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinnevelly, held two public meetings at Thatchanallur and Ambasamudram.

In *GUNTUR* district, the District Organizer, with the co-operation of the Revenue Officers, held meetings in 16 prominent villages. There was a large gathering for each meeting. Deacon Meshack, Secretary to the Slums of India Mission, Madras, carried on propaganda work in the district. The District Organizer held 16 meetings in four taluks.

In *SALEM* district, a number of propaganda meetings were held which were addressed by officials and non-officials. War shorts,

namely, "Passive Defence," "Rescue Men," and "Japanese Bomb" were screened in a cinema in Salem town and they were very well received by the public. A Propaganda House was opened on June 14.

Capt. G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, addressed a public meeting held in the Salem College Hall. He also addressed a meeting of the District War Committee.

In *NILGIRIS* district, the District Organizer toured almost the whole of the district. He met a number of planters and other prominent gentlemen, Indian and European, and discussed matters relating to propaganda work. He addressed a number of public meetings in various places which were well attended. Leaflets, pamphlets and war pictures were distributed at these meetings.

and conducted 12 meetings at important places. Teachers and Deputy Inspectors of Schools of the Education Department conducted nine meetings. The war short, "Citizen Fireman" was well-appreciated at Peddapur where it was exhibited. Posters were exhibited in all important public places such as *shandies*, petrol bunks and hotels. War propaganda leaflets were widely circulated among the public.

In *WEST GODAVARI* district, propaganda literature, such as leaflets, posters, booklets, and periodicals received from the Provincial War Committee and other sources were distributed among the Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars, Missionaries and other workers. Propaganda was intensified through the exhibition of magic lantern slides in the cinema houses at Ellore, Bhimavaram, Tanuku and

Madras Infinitely Stronger

The position now in the Madras Presidency is vitally different from what it was two and a half months ago. Then, Japan was strong, she had the command of the Bay of Bengal and had aircraft-carriers there, and a large number of ships in the Bay. We had very little at that time. Now, we are infinitely stronger and Japan has also disappeared from the Bay, at least temporarily. If Japan did not dare an invasion then, the odds are very much against her daring it now. I do not want to say that there would not be an invasion. The chances are very small indeed. There may be a chance of an aircraft-carrier coming into the Bay and there may be stray air raids either from the carriers or from land bases in occupied countries. It is absolutely necessary that we have to keep the A.R.P. forces well up and well able to deal with anything, should it come.

—H.E. SIR ARTHUR HOPE—*at a public meeting at Trichinopoly, on June 18.*

Palacole. Lantern slide exhibition in the rural areas were conducted by the Health and Education departments. Short speeches were made at the exhibition of the slides. Deacon Meshack of the Slums of India Mission, Madras, toured in the district for a fortnight and carried on propaganda in 15 villages.

In *SOUTH KANARA* district, propaganda literature received from the office of the Director of War Publicity was distributed. Magic lantern exhibitions were held by rotation one month in each taluk. Exhibitions given in Coondapur, Karkal and Mangalore were well received. Cinemas screened war shorts and propaganda films.

In *TRICHINOPOLY* district, the Propaganda and Publicity Sub-Committees held a meeting on June 25. Photogravure pictures, wall posters, "War in Pictures," pamphlets and other war literature were distributed among public offices, reading rooms and institutions.

In *EAST GODAVARI* district, the five Divisional Organizers, the taluk organizer and the 10 taluk propagandists did useful propaganda work. Dr. T. Kanakaraju, Honorary Taluk Organizer, toured in Ramachandrapur taluk and held 18 meetings. The District Organizer toured in Ramachandrapur, Razole, Cocanada, Rajahmundry and Pittapur taluks

In *CUDDAPAH* district, the Divisional War Committee met twice and discussed ways and means for intensifying propaganda. The District Organizer, the lecturer, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars held several meetings throughout the district. Magic lantern slides were exhibited by the Health Inspectors. War cinema slides were exhibited at Proddatur and Cuddapah. The District Organizer addressed the village officers of the Rayachoti taluk at the time of *Jamabandi* and Ryots' Conference. The Special Development Officer, Cuddapah, also addressed the gathering. The District Organizer conducted meetings and delivered lectures in nine places. A Universal News Reel film was exhibited in four villages.

In *TANJORE* district, war propaganda was carried on on an extensive scale. The war shorts "Passive Defence" and "Japanese Bomb" were exhibited in Tanjore and were well-appreciated. Cinema slides were exhibited in cinemas in Negapatam division. The District Organizer and the Lecturer held about 43 public meetings throughout the district. About 600 members were enrolled under the National War Front scheme.

In *MALABAR* district, the usual activities such as propaganda meetings, magic lantern shows, distribution of leaflets and posters, exhibition of war films, etc., were carried on.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, about 300 "display sites" were selected in important places in villages and towns. Leaflets and pamphlets were widely distributed throughout the district. Altogether 39 propaganda meetings were held in various places in the district. Magic lantern slides were exhibited in rural areas by Health Inspectors. War shorts were screened at the cinemas at Tindivanam and Cuddalore. They were well received by the public.

In *CHITTOOR* district, the District Lecturer, with the co-operation of the local influential people, Revenue Inspectors and teachers, held meetings and delivered speeches at various centres.

In *KURNOOL* district, 64 propaganda meetings were held. Subordinate Revenue Officers and officials of the Educational and Health departments held meetings in various important places.

In *BELLARY* district, the Propaganda Sub-committee of the District War Committee held a meeting on June 12. One of the subjects discussed was the appointment of a Kanada Regional Organizer for the Kanada area of the Presidency. Leaflets were widely distributed and cinema slides were exhibited. The honorary Divisional Organizer held a number of meetings in villages. War shorts were exhibited at Bellary.

In *MADURA* district, propaganda was carried on on an intensive and extensive scale. Revenue officials addressed 78 meetings and 31 meetings were held under the auspices of the Propaganda Committee.

In *NELLORE* district, 7 meetings were held in the taluks of Rapur and Gudur. Fifteen meetings were held in Kandukur division. Twenty-nine meetings were held in Kavali division and 22 in Nellore division. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kavali, presided over six of these meetings. Officers of the Education, Veterinary, Agriculture, Health and Medical departments carried on valuable propaganda work in the villages.

United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day

Celebrations in Madras and Mufassal Districts

In *MADRAS*, United Nations' Flag Day was celebrated on June 14 with great enthusiasm. Mr. D. N. Strathie, C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, presided over the public meeting held in the Victoria Public Hall on United Nations' Flag Day. The meeting was largely attended. Mr. F. W. A. Morris, I.C.S., Collector of Madras, opened the proceedings and proposed Mr. Strathie to the chair. Besides Mr. Strathie, the Rev. Father J. D'Souza, Principal, Loyola College, addressed the meeting. Mr. T. S. Nataraja Pillai translated the chairman's speech into Tamil. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Capt. G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity. There was a musical entertainment before the commencement of the meeting. The function was a great success.

Russia Day celebrations took place at the Victoria Public Hall on the 22nd June 1942. His Excellency the Governor of Madras presided over the celebrations. There was a large gathering of residents of Madras inside and outside the Hall. Her Excellency the Hon. Lady Hope graced the occasion with her presence. Rao Sahib Albert Jesudasan, District Organizer, National War Front, and Mr. S. Muthia Mudaliar, C.I.E., addressed the gathering prior to His Excellency. His Excellency spoke about the significance of the "Russia Day" celebration. He exhorted the people to "follow the example of Russian comrades by uniting as a nation and throwing out any potential invader and make everybody war-minded as to the seriousness of the present situation." His Excellency's speech was followed by an amusing address by the Mayor of Madras. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks by Mr. T. S. Nataraja Pillai and the singing of the National Anthem.

Before the meeting commenced, processions of workers from different parts of the City, arranged by Rao Sahib Albert Jesudasan, proceeded to the Victoria Public Hall, carrying Russian flags and shouting slogans.

A music party was also arranged to keep the audience entertained. The meeting was a grand success.

In *VIZAGAPATAM* district, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Vizagapatam, on June 14. The Right Rev. A. Baud, Bishop of Vizagapatam, the District Organizer, and the Public Prosecutor spoke on the necessity of showing a united front to the enemy. Mr. C. H. Masterman, C.I.E., I.C.S., Collector, who presided over the meeting, explained the purpose for which United Nations' Flag Day was celebrated. Meetings were also held at Bobbili, Narasapatam, Vizianagram, Gajapatinagaram and Anakapalle.

On Russia Day, a meeting was held in the Town Hall presided over by Mr. M. A. T. **Coelho**, District and Sessions Judge, Vizagapatam. Meetings and processions were held in all divisional and taluk headquarters to celebrate the Day. Collections were also made on that day as shown below :—

		RS.	A.	P.
By the Taluk Officer,	Chintapalli ..	20	0	0
,,	Vizianagram ..	152	0	0
,,	Narasapatam ..	118	0	0
,,	Bimlipatam ..	123	0	0
,,	Chodavaram ..	34	0	0
,,	Chipurupalli ..	10	0	0
,,	Anakapalle ..	18	8	9
	Total ..	475	8	9

In *CHINGLEPUT* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated at all taluk headquarters.

In *TINNEVELLY* district, on United Nations' Flag Day, the school children of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah towns went round the streets singing war songs and carrying the flags of the United Nations. At Palamcottah, a public meeting was held in front of Gopalaswami temple. Mr. K. Krishnayya, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tinnevelly, Rao Saheb M. V. Subramania Ayyar of St. John's College, Palamcottah, Mr. D. Sambasivam Pillai, District Educational Officer and Mr. Chakrapani Nambiyar spoke on the occasion.

In Tinnevelly town, Janab S. A. Q. Hussaini Saheb Bahadur, Secretary, District War Committee, presided over a public meeting held in front of Swami Nellaiappar temple. Among others, Mr. T. S. Ramalingam and Dr. R. V. Chockalingam addressed the meeting. At a meeting held at Tenkasi, the Collector presided. The Sub-Collector, Tuticorin, presided over a meeting held at Kulasekarapatnam. Mr. Amir Sultan addressed the meeting.

Russia Day also was celebrated with equal enthusiasm at the district headquarters and at all taluk and sub-taluk headquarters. A procession of labourers went round the streets of Tinnevelly town. A public meeting was held in the premises of the Emporium Buildings, presided over by the Rev. Canon G. T. Selwyn,

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Principal, St. John's College, Palamcottah. Khan Sahib Quadir Batcha Sahib, retired Deputy Collector, Rao Bahadur P. Avudayappa Pillai, Mr. J. Chakrapani Nambiyar, Rao Sahib M. V. Subramania Ayyar, Mr. A. V. Muthiah Pillai, retired Inspector of Police, and Dr. R. V. Chockalingam addressed the meeting. At Palamcottah, a public meeting was held in front of Gopalaswami temple, presided over by the Collector. Mr. T. S. Ramalingam, Mr. David Michael and others addressed the gathering. The District Organizer and the Tahsildar addressed a public meeting held at Tiruchendur. A procession of school children carrying posters and shouting slogans went round the streets. The District Organizer presided over the meeting which was held in the Panchayat Board compound. At Shermadevi also a public meeting was held, under the presidentship of the Sub-Collector.

In *NELLORE* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated at all important centres. Mass meetings were held, at which speeches were made explaining the significance of the celebrations.

In *MADURA* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated at all taluk headquarters. Mr. K. V. Alagiriswami of Pattukkottai, District Lecturer, addressed mass meetings at Avaniapuram, Kadirkinar, Nilakkottai, Periyakulam, Devadanapatti, Uthamapalaiyam, Cumbum, Mayampatti, Dindigul and Virudunagar. He also addressed three important meetings in Madura City. United Nations' Flag Day was celebrated in a spectacular manner at Tamkum Park, where soldiers of a regiment stationed in Madura gave a military display that attracted thousands of people. Later, a public meeting was held under the presidentship of Diwan Bahadur C. Krishnan Nayar, Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, spoke on "The significance of Flag Day." Mr. A. Rangaswami Nayudu, Mr. K. S. Muthuvelu, Mr. S. Shanmuganatham, the Rev. J. S. Chelliah and the Rev. J. M. Hess also spoke. A sum of Rs. 25 was received as voluntary contributions on United Nations' Flag Day and Rs. 149 on Russia Day.

In *NILGIRI* district, United Nations' Flag Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A public meeting was held at the Blue Mountain Talkies, Ootacamund, under the presidentship of Mr. R. C. S. Bell, I.C.S., Collector, Mr. I. J. Kanaka, District Organizer, and Rao Sahib Masilamany Nadar addressed the meeting.

Russia Day also was celebrated at Ootacamund at the Blue Mountain Talkies with Mr. R. C. S. Bell in the chair. Mr. I. J. Kanaka and Mr. M. Halayya addressed the meeting.

In *TRICHINOPOLY* district, meetings were held and processions taken out on United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. Mr. S. K. Chettur, I.C.S., Collector, presided over a public meeting held at Trichinopoly. On the occasion of Russia Day celebrations, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall Square, Trichinopoly, under the presidentship of Mr. S. K. Chettur. Mrs. Pichai Pillai and Mr. Muthuswami Pillai addressed the meeting.

United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated at various places in *EAST GODAVARI* district. On Russia Day, a procession of officials and non-officials, with the Reserve Police in attendance, to the accompaniment of a band, went through the important streets of Cocanada. A special meeting was held in the Municipal Office Hall under the presidentship of Mr. P. V. Rangaram Nayudu. The Rev. E. L. Quik and Mr. Raghavaraju addressed the meeting. A sum of Rs. 523–14–9 was collected in the district in aid of Russia. Bhadrachalam Agency taluk contributed Rs. 144–12–0.

In *WEST GODAVARI* district, meetings were held in a number of places on United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. Processions were organized in all the important villages.

In *SALEM* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated all over the district at all taluk headquarters by the holding of public meetings.

In *CUDDAPAH* district, meetings were held in all important places, towns and villages to celebrate United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. A sum of Rs. 155–6–0 was realized from subscriptions on Russia Day. There were processions, mass meetings, and distribution of sweets to school children. A display of the flags of several nations on public and private buildings was a special feature of these celebrations. War ballads specially composed for the occasion were sunk and they were much appreciated by the public.

In *TANJORE* district, public meetings were held in all important places on United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. Two public meetings held at Mayavaram were presided over by Mr. E. M. Gawne, I.C.S., Member, Board of Revenue, Madras.

In *CHITTOOR* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated at the headquarters of all taluks and firkas of the district. The Sub-Collector, Chandragiri, held a public meeting at the District Board High School, Kalahasti, which was attended by the members of the Divisional War Committee and others.

In *KURNOOL* district, officials, non-officials and the public took a keen interest in celebrating United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. The Collector presided over a public meeting held at Kurnool, which was largely attended. On Russia Day, a procession of labourers went round the town of Kurnool, carrying the Russian flag. The Collector presided over a public meeting.

In *BELLARY* district, Mr. I. M. Fraser, I.C.S., Collector, presided over the two meetings held in Bellary to celebrate United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day. At all taluk headquarters where meetings were held on both occasions, a procession of school-children was taken out. A sum of Rs. 94 was subscribed voluntarily for aid to Russia.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated with great enthusiasm all over the district. Khan Bahadur J. Hussain, Collector, presided over the two celebrations. A member of the District War Committee and others addressed the gathering. Similar meetings were held at all the taluk and sub-taluk headquarters. Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, addressed public meetings held at Tindivanam, Villupuram and Cuddalore.

Rao Sahib J. C. Ryan, Assistant Director of War Publicity, was one of the speakers at a public meeting held at Cuddalore.

In *SOUTH KANARA* district, United Nations' Flag Day was celebrated at all the headquarters of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars. The flags of the United Nations were hoisted on all Government buildings. Several public meetings were held at which officials and non-officials spoke on the sacredness of the cause of the Allies. Mr. M. Karamatullah, I.C.S., Collector, presided over a public meeting held at Mangalore. Mr. K. M. Nambiar, Public Prosecutor, made a speech on the " Four Freedoms " of President Roosevelt. Other speakers laid stress on the significance of celebrating the Day.

In *ANANTAPUR* district, United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day were celebrated with great enthusiasm at all taluk centres. There were processions of school-children. Public meetings were held and prayers offered for the success of the Allies.

Recruitment Activities

The *MADRAS* District War Recruitment Sub-Committee met twice at the Madras Collector's office and recommended 28 candidates for King's Commission in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In *CHINGLEPUT* district, the Deputy Technical Recruiting Officer, Pudupet, Madras, recruited 92 tradesmen. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Vellore, recruited 348 persons. The Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 9 candidates for Emergency Commission. The Selection Committee for War Technicians selected 54 candidates for training.

In *TINNEVELLY* district, in accordance with the resolution passed at the District Recruitment Propaganda Conference held in March, recruitment drive was made in the following places by holding public meetings :

Munnirpallam (Tinnevelly taluk)—18 Volunteered on the spot; Murugalakurichi (Nanguneri taluk)—6 volunteered on the spot; Kalugumalai (Koilpatti taluk)—31 volunteered on the spot; Kulesekarapatnam (Trichendur taluk)—3 volunteered on the spot; Puliangudi (Sankarankoil taluk)—105 volunteered on the spot.

All the recruitment drive meetings were well-attended, the audience being over 2,000 at Kalugumalai and Puliangudi.

For the Viceroy's Commission two applications were received. For the Emergency Commission, six applications were received. The Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed five candidates and selected four. Four candidates were recommended for commissioned posts in the Civil Pioneer Force. The District Selection Committee met on June 1 and selected 32 candidates as War Technicians. Capt. Joseph, Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Bangalore, visited Palamcottah and selected 15 candidates for various trades. The total number of recruits sent up during the month was 686 (the progressive total being 6,296).

In *GUNTUR* district, the Recruitment Sub-Committee met six times during the quarter and selected 10 candidates for Emergency Commissions. The District Selection Committee met five times and selected 26 candidates as War Technicians.

In the *NILGIRIS* district, the District Organizer, in his capacity as Honorary Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, recruited 15 men who were sent to Coimbatore for enlistment. There were a number of inquiries from young men desirous of joining the army. Two applications were received from Kotagiri for enlistment as nurses in the Women's Auxiliary Corps. The Chairman of the Coonoor Recruiting Sub-Committee reported that 60 recruits had been sent down to Coimbatore for enlistment in different branches of the services.

In *SOUTH KANARA* district, the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Mangalore, and the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Cannanore, made systematic tours in the district during the quarter. They recruited 100 men in March, 79 in April and 107 in May. The Indian Air Force Recruiting Officer, Madras, visited Mangalore and selected 20 candidates for recruitment to the non-gazetted ranks of

the Indian Air Force. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Coimbatore, recruited one candidate for the Indian Supply Corps from Kasaragod and another for A.P.B. from Udipi. The Extra Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Coimbatore, visited the district and recruited 27 persons as War Technicians. So far 208 had been selected as War Technicians. There were 19 applicants for Emergency Commission, of whom 9 were recommended. One candidate's application for an Emergency Commission was sent up during the month. The Extra Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Coimbatore, recruited 27 men.

In *TRICHINOPOLY* district, the Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 5 candidates for Commission in the Air Force and recommended all of them.

In *WEST GODAVARI* district, 3 were recruited from Bhimavaram, 11 from Tadepalligudem and 54 from Ellore. The War Technicians Selection Committee selected 11 candidates. The Rev. G. Samuel of Kovvur and Mr. S. I. Moses of Narasapur rendered considerable help in recruitment work.

In *MADURA* district, 252 persons were recruited by the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Dindigul. One applicant for an Emergency Commission was interviewed.

In *SALEM* district, 452 men were recruited to the various forces of the army. Two hundred and seventy-six were enrolled in the Civil Pioneer Force and sent to Bellary for training. The District Selection Committee for selection of War Technicians selected 23 candidates. The District Selection Committee met thrice during the quarter and selected 65 candidates as War Technicians.

In *CUDDAPAH* district, 373 recruits to the army were sent during this quarter. Three hundred and forty-seven recruits were sent to the Madras Civil Pioneer Force. Four candidates were selected as War Technicians. Three candidates were interviewed for Emergency Commissions and two candidates for Commissions in the Civil Pioneer Force. This month, two candidates were interviewed for Emergency Commissions. The District Selection Committee interviewed one applicant and selected him as War Technician. Two candidates were interviewed for appointment in the Civil Pioneer Force.

In *TANJORE* district, 73 candidates were selected as War Technicians by the District Selection Committee. The District Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 7 candidates and recommended 3 for Emergency Commissions in the Indian land, naval and air forces. Certain recommendations were made for Commissions in the Civil Pioneer Force to Government.

In *MALABAR* district, the District Technical Selection Committee interviewed 114 candidates and selected 103 as War Technicians. Mr. A. R. MacEwen, C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., Collector, interviewed 22 candidates for Emergency Commissions in Civil Pioneer Force and recommended 4 to the Provincial Selection Board.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, the recruitment figure for the quarter was 813 as against 670 for the previous quarter. Besides these, 129 men were directly recruited by the Technical Recruiting Officer, Madras. The District Committee for selection of candidates under the Technical Training Scheme met thrice and selected 103 men. The Recruitment Sub-Committee met thrice to interview candidates for Emergency Commission. The number of recruits to the army this month was 203. Besides these, 27 men were directly recruited by the Technical Recruiting Officer, Madras. Fity-three candidates were selected as War Technicians. The Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed one candidate for an Emergency Commission.

In *CHITTOOR* district, the Assistant Recruiting Officer and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer made intensive tour in all parts of the district. All Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars rendered help in propaganda for recruitment.

In *VIZAGAPATAM* district, as the result of recruitment propaganda meetings held by the Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers. 10 men from Ichapur taluk and 12 from Sompeta taluk were recruited by the Assistant Recruiting Officer.

In *KURNOOL* district, 557 men were recruited so far for the first unit of the Civil Pioneer Force. Further recruitment to this force was stopped as the number required for the unit had almost been completed. During the month, 81 recruits were secured for the army. Eleven candidates were selected as War Technicians.

In *KISTNA* district, the District Selection Committee met on June 15 and 27 and selected 123 and 106 War Technicians, respectively. The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee met on June 9 and 24 and selected 3 candidates for Emergency Commissions.

In *ANANTAPUR* district, the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers of Anantapur and Penukonda recruited 192 men. Out of them 147 were selected by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Bangalore.

In *BELLARY* district, 129 men were recruited to the army. One candidate was recommended for an Emergency Commission. An Additional Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer has been appointed for the Hospet division.

Following are the statistics available from the districts :—

Recruitment to the Army.—Tinnevelly 686; Salem 452; Madura 252; South Arcot 230; Anantapur 147; Bellary 129; Chingleput 97; Kurnool 81; Nilgiris 75; West Godavari 68; South Kanara 27; Vizagapatam 22.

War Technicians.—Kistna 229; Malabar 103; Tanjore 73; Chingleput 54; South Arcot 53; Tinnevelly 32; Salem 23; West Godavari 11; Kurnool 11; Cuddapah 1.

Emergency Commission (recommended).—Chingleput 9 (interviewed); Tinnevelly 4; Malabar 4; Tanjore 3; Kistna 3; Cuddapah 2; Bellary 1; South Kanara 1; Madura 1.

Civil Pioneer Force.—Salem 276 (recommended for Emergency Commission—Tinnevelly 4; Cuddapah 2).

Women's Auxiliary Corps.—Nilgiris 2.

Air Force (recommended).—Trichinopoly 5.

Village Reading Circles

In *CHINGLEPUT* district, the existing Reading Circles continued to function satisfactorily. No new circles were formed this month.

In *TINNEVELLY* district, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Executive Engineer, the Assistant Inspector of Excise, Tenkasi, the District Registrar, Tinnevelly, the District Health Officer, the Commercial Tax Officer and the District Registrar, Palamcottah, inspected the work done by their respective subordinates in the matter of supervising the Reading Circles under their charge.

In *GUNTUR* district, the District Organizer in the course of his tour, visited the Reading Circles and gave helpful suggestions.

In *SALEM* district, all the Reading Circles continued to do good work.

In *NILGIRIS* district, a Reading Circle was formed at the Methodist Mission Higher Elementary School at Kotagiri and the District Organizer has programmed to open some more Reading Circles.

In *WEST GODAVARI* district, an important feature of this quarter's progress was the formation of a War Information Bureau at Bhimavaram. Steps were taken to open such bureaus in all important places with a population of over 5,000. The District Organizer and his staff supervised the work of village Reading Circles.

In *CUDDAPAH* district, Reading Circles which have been formed in important villages worked properly. The Collector visited one circle in the course of one of his tours. The diaries of the Reading Circles were examined by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddapah, at the time of *Jamabandi*.

In *TANJORE* district, all the Reading Circles worked satisfactorily. They were frequently visited by the Revenue Officers.

In *KURNOOL* and *BELLARY* districts, all the Reading Circles continued to do good work.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, all the Reading Circles worked satisfactorily. They were supplied with "War in Pictures," other pamphlets and "Yuddha Sanchikai." The Revenue Officers inspected the working of the Reading Circles.

In *KISTNA* district, all the Reading Circles formed in the villages turned out very good work. Propaganda material received from time to time was promptly distributed to the Circles. Members of the District War Committee and its sub-committees continued their interest in the proper working of the circles by adequate supervision.

In *VIZAGAPATAM* district, all the Reading Circles functioned satisfactorily. Altogether 42 circles were visited by the Revenue officials.

In *MADURA* district, two new Reading Circles were formed in Madura sub-taluk and Periyakulam taluk. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Melur, the Deputy Tahsildar, the District Organizer and the Lecturer opened the Reading Circle at Manyampatti in Madura sub-taluk. A public meeting was held on the occasion, which was attended by more than 1,000 persons. The Revenue Divisional Officer presided over the meeting. Altogether there are 573 Reading Circles working. The Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and the Revenue Inspectors, visited the Reading Circles during their tour. The Health Inspector, Kodaikanal, visited three Reading Circles. Officials of the Police department visited 45 Reading Circles. The District Agricultural Officer, Madura, visited 15 Reading Circles in Nilakkottai, Madura and Melur taluks, and carried on "Grow More Food" propaganda. The District Organizer also inspected many Reading Circles.

In *NELLORE* district, all the Reading Circles continued to do good work. Efforts were made to have one Reading Circle for each village.

Propaganda Vans

Review of Work done in the Districts

Details of the working of the Propaganda vans in the districts during the month of June 1942 are given below. Reports so far received from districts and diaries of operators concerned have been incorporated :—

(1) *Van No. MSC* 3438 toured in the *CHINGLEPUT* district from the beginning of the month up to the 20th and visited 8 villages from the 9th to 14th. This van was exchanged with the Chittoor District Van (MSC. 7468) as the LATTER VAN WAS REQUIRED FOR EXHIBITION OF ENTERTAINMENT FILMS FOR TROOPS IN MILITARY CAMPS IN THE CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH. Van No. 3438, after necessary minor repairs had been effected at Madras, was despatched to Chittoor at the end of the month for tour in that district exclusively.

(2) *Van No. MSC.* 6946 was under repair up to the 15th at Kumbakonam as a result of an accident reported in the previous review. It proceeded on its propaganda tour in Tanjore district till the 26th on which date it entered *TRICHINOPOLY* district. From the 15th to 20th, for which period diaries were received, the van visited about 10 villages in the *TANJORE* district.

(3) *Van No. MSC.* 6947 toured wholly in the *NILGIRIS* district during the month. The van visited 10 villages during the period from 8th to 14th June 1942. It was despatched on the 30th for tour in the *SALEM* district during July.

(4) *Van No. MSC.* 6983 did propaganda in the *WEST GODAVARI* district till the 24th. No diaries have so far been received. This van has now been allotted exclusively for National War Front work in the *VIZAGAPATAM* district.

(5) *Van No. MSC.* 6984 which was allotted exclusively for National War Front work in the *NELLORE* district gave exhibitions in 40 places up to the 20th from the diaries received so far.

(6) *Van No. MSC.* 6985 was allotted exclusively for the *KISTNA* district. It was occupied in National War Front work for the whole of the month, but no reports on the number of villages visited have been received yet.

(7) *Van No. MSC.* 7160 toured throughout in the *RAMNAD* district. No diaries have been received to show the number of places visited. This van, which was previously allotted to the group Madura-Ramnad-Tinnevelly, has now been allotted to the districts of Ramnad and Tinnevelly alone as the MADURA DISTRICT BOMBER VAN HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO WORK FOR THE NATIONAL WAR FRONT IN THE MADURA DISTRICT EXCLUSIVELY. Arrangements are being made to install the necessary equipment in the Bomber Van.

(8) *Van No. MSC.* 7161 was allotted to the districts of *KURNOOL, CUDDAPAH, BELLARY* AND *ANANTAPUR*—three weeks in each district. In Cuddapah district it visited about 35 places. It proceeded to the Bellary district on the 18th. During its tour in the Cuddapah district, revenue officials and the National War Front District Lecturer accompanied the van and arranged meetings in villages. The District Organizer also organized about five meetings in the district and at one of the shows the Revenue Divisional Officer, Rajampet, was also present. The Collector of the district also arranged for an exhibition of the van at Cuddapah on the 7th. It is also reported that the Honorary Divisional Organizers of Cuddapah and Jammalamadugu attended some shows in their respective jurisdictions. One noteworthy feature of the exhibition of the van in the district was the unprecedented crowds that attended the shows, ranging from 3,000 to 4,000. On the whole it is reported that the tour of the van in the district had great propaganda value.

(9) *Van No. MSC.* 7162 did propaganda exclusively in the *MALABAR* district visiting about 25 centres till the 21st, though the programme had been hampered by monsoon weather. Owing to a slight accident to the van it was under repair at Calicut from the 22nd to 27th. After the periodical rest and servicing, it was entrained to *SOUTH KANARA* for work during the next month.

(10) *Van No. MSC.* 7468 which was originally allotted to the district of *CHITTOOR* did propaganda in about 40 villages till the 20th when it was called back to Madras for the reason stated under item (1) above regarding van No. MSC. 3438. On the request of the military authorities, feature and comic films were hired and exhibited to troops, from the van on the 22nd, 26th and 29th at three centres. As some more shows have been arranged for troops during the month of July, this van has been retained in the *CHINGLEPUT* district. In addition to these shows, the van will do propaganda in villages of the Chingleput district according to programme. The District Lecturer also accompanied the van. For the present this van has been allotted to the districts of Chingleput and North Arcot.

As already reported in the previous review one of the new vans, though not fully equipped yet, was placed at the disposal of the Collector of *MADRAS* for work in the City.

(11) *Van No. MSC.* 7537 (also partially equipped) was utilized in *MADRAS CITY*, on occasions, to announce " firing practices." This, after equipping, will be allotted to a district.

Besides the above vans, the following two vans also are working for the National War Front:

(12) *MDE.* 38 *EAST GODAVARI District Board Van*; and

(13) *MDG.* 4077 *GUNTUR District Health Van* which was placed at the disposal of the Collector with reference to G.O. No. 5303, P.H., dated 20th December 1941. Since these two vans and the Madura District Bomber Van have been made available, the Provincial Governmen propaganda vans will not be touring in these districts in future.

The three vans mentioned in the previous review as being fitted up at Calcutta have not yet arrived. On their arrival, they will be allotted to districts. Orders for more vans have been placed, so that in the very near future, each district will have a van of its own.

Besides the vans, enumerated above, one of the Veterinary Department vans has been placed at the disposal of Victory House for work as a Mobile Sales Van for troops. This van has been doing excellent work during the month catering to the needs of troops at various centres.

Films

Three of the Government propaganda vans were supplied with comic films (one for each) and it is proposed to order for more if favourable reports are received from districts.

Slides

The following slides were distributed to vans :—

(*a*) Aerial photographs taken in battlefield by the Royal Air Force relating to British raid on St. Nazaire;

(*b*) Tanks for the Battle Front;

(*c*) Parachute raid seen by Their Majesties the King and the Queen;

(*d*) Two National War Front coloured slides on the subject " JOIN US " (in Tamil and English); and

(*e*) Four slides relating to the inauguration of the National War Front on the 23rd May 1942 by His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

Propaganda Material

As usual, War Series leaflets are being supplied to the vans. The three leaflets published by the Bangalore C. & M. Broadcasting comments made for broadcasting vans, were supplied to the vans. The *Madras War Review* and the *Victory* published by the Director of War Publicity were also supplied.

A Madras propaganda van with posters of the National War Front displayed on its sides.

Civil Defence: A.R.P. Organisation

In *TINNEVELLY* district, five meetings were held in the D Group area. The A.R.P. Publicity Officer addressed three meetings of the Elementary School Men Teachers' Association and a meeting of the Women Teachers' Association. The Women's section of the A.R.P. continued to take sustained interest in the A.R.P. work. A meeting of this section held on June 16 was attended by nearly 200 women. A.R.P. basic training was given to the teachers and high school students of St. Xavier's and S.A.V. High school, Tuticorin. About 40 teachers and 275 students completed their training. Teachers of municipal schools, 125 in number, underwent training. All the 90 staff wardens completed their training. Three sirens were instaled in Tuticorin and a siren test was held on June 17. A parade of the A.R.P. personnel was held in the Gymkhana grounds, when the Sub-Collector, Tuticorin, was present.

In *SALEM* district, lighting restrictions were introduced in Salem town. The Special A.R.P. Officer returned from Madras after training. Chief Warden, Deputy Chief Warden and Head Wardens have been appointed.

In *MADURA* district, the training officer returned from Calcutta after undergoing advanced training. The voluntary personnel of the Wardens' service rose from 1,035 to 1,172. Two hundred and eight out of 216 staff wardens completed their basic training. A mobile first-aid van was received from Messrs. Simpson and Company, Madras. Consignments of gum boots, water bottles and fire-fighting equipment were also received.

In *TANJORE* district, further progress was made in the organization of A.R.P. at Negapatam. Tanjore was classed as III class town for purposes of A.R.P.

In *MALABAR* district, all the A.R.P. arrangements were completed in Cochin. Arrangements are being made in Calicut, Tellicherry and Cannanore.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, besides other appointments already made in connexion with the A.R.P., one Depot Superintendent and two Deputy Superintendents were appointed. A successful air raid practice was held during the month.

Salvage and Waste Collections

In *TINNEVELLY* district, the Tahsildar of Tinnevelly collected two gunny bags of waste paper and realized Rs. 33–7–3 by its sale. The Tahsildar of Tenkasi collected one gunny bag of waste paper. The Tahsildars of Tiruchendur and Sankarankoil collected two gunny bags of waste paper and 47 seers of waste paper, respectively, and sold it to the Punalur Paper Mills for sums of Rs. 17–10–3 and Rs. 25–3–3, respectively. The Deputy Tahsildar of Anjengo collected 101 lb. of waste paper which fetched Rs. 10–5–0.

In *SALEM* district, nearly two maunds of scrap iron was collected during the quarter. The scrap iron so far collected by the Tahsildar of Krishnagiri was sold for Rs. 8–2–0. The Deputy Tahsildar of Pennagaram sold one maund of scrap iron for As. 10.

In *KISTNA* district, the taluk officers, Vizianagram, Ichchapur and Chicacole disposed of scrap iron for the amounts noted below :—

The Taluk Officer, Vizianagram.	Rs. 250
,, Ichchapur ..	,, 3
,, Chicacole ..	,, 230

In *MADURA* district, a sum of Rs. 24–0–2 was realized from the sale-proceeds of waste paper. A sum of Rs. 221–8–4 was received from the Secretary and Treasurer, Kodaikanal Art Exhibition and Rs. 300 from the Procurator of the Sacred Heart College, *SHENBAGANUR*. A sum of Rs. 513–1–0 realized at the benefit show given at Highclerc Gymnasium, Kodaikanal, was paid through the Rev. J. M. Hess, Secretary of the Community Chest.

Fighter Badges and Victory Labels

In *VIZAGAPATAM* district, of the 100 Fighter Badges supplied, 79 were sold. Victory labels worth Rs. 8–8–0 were sold during the month.

In *SOUTH ARCOT* district, 7 Fighter Badges were sold during the quarter.

Out of 40 motorist badges received in *ANANTAPUR* district for sale 27 were sold. Steps are being taken to sell the remaining badges.

The Madras squadron of the R.A.F. has been playing a very prominent part in the 1000-Bomber Air Raids on Germany. The above is a photograph of one such plane which has been purchased from the contributions to H E the Governor's War Fund received from the Vizagapatam District.

IS THE ENEMY WHISPERING TO YOU?

Every time you hear a rumour
It is the Japanese whispering in your ear.
They are trying to poison your mind,
Weaken your resistance.
Don't help the enemy by believing
And spreading unconfirmed news.

DON'T BELIEVE RUMOURS

BUILD INDIA'S WAR FRONT AGAINST THE JAPANESE

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras Station

Special features : N. W. F., Russia Day, and United Nations' Flag Day

The month under review is significant for a few important dates on which special programmes were arranged.

Besides the usual number of News talks and News reviews in the four principal languages of the Presidency (Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam), the general talks included a variety of subjects on war as it affected India and the world. These included a variety of topics like Civil Defence, impact of war on various sciences, allied strategy, pooling of resources of the allied countries, China, etc. Another talk about "Facing the Blitz" by one who had been in London during the air-raids was of very great interest and appealed to public morale. Under the series "Common Cause", four talks were broadcast dealing with various organizations, like the military staff, nursing service, A. R. P., etc., which are helping the successful prosecution of war and civil defence.

The special items during the month under review are the broadcast by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester of the message from His Majesty the King-Emperor, and the special programmes in connexion with the United Nations' Flag Day and Russia Day.

On the former occasion (United Nations' Flag Day), besides the relay of a special programme from Delhi, Madras broadcast a talk in Telugu, a feature in Tamil, and finally a talk in English by the American Consul in Madras on the significance of the Day and the importance of the celebrations.

On the latter occasion, the following programmes were broadcast: Russia Fights on: a talk in Tamil; Invincible Russia: A feature in Telugu; and Joseph Stalin, a feature in English. A talk on the achievements of the Red Army by Lieut.-Gen. G. N. Molesworth was relayed from Delhi; and a review of one year of the war was broadcast in Malayalam and in Kannada. Besides these spoken-word items, a specially composed programme of recorded Russian music was also broadcast.

The talks on the National War Front which were started late in May were continued in June. One more talk on the subject was broadcast by Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan on the first of June and later the weekly talks broadcast from Delhi were relayed by Madras. The subjects dealt with were:

The National War Front Pledge by Mr. Vyas.

Economise for Victory by Dr. Gregory.

Blood Banks by Mr. Vyas.

Grow More Food by the Hon'ble Mr. N. R. Sarkar, and another talk on the need for the National War Front.

Trichinopoly

Special feature : Russia Week

Programmes designed to present the growing might of the Allies, the resilience of the Russians and the Chinese in their fight against mighty odds, and the organization of the National War Front in India, were the features of this month.

Talks.—The rising tide of British war production and the mighty war effort made by Britain under the leadership of Mr. Churchill were the subject of Rao Bahadur N. Ramaswamy Ayyar's talk "Britain Forges ahead" in the series "Victory in the Making" on June 13. Mr. S. Thothadri Ayyangar discussed allied strategy and war plans in his talk on the "Plan of Action" in the series "The Grand Alliance" on June 14. The immense resources of China harnessed to the wartime needs of the country and the building of the Nation's future under the leadership of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his devoted band of workers formed the subject of Mr. K. Nanjundiah's talk on "Modern China: The future" on June 21. The hollowness and inconsistency inherent in the race theory put forward by Japan and the deception underlying the "co-prosperity sphere" were discussed by Mr. R. Bhaskaran in his talk on the "Asiatic Race Theory" in the series "Towards Harikari" in June 27.

During Russia Week beginning with the anniversary of Germany's treacherous attack on Russia on June 22, 1941, Mr. V. Lawrence Sundaram gave a review of the Russo-German war and the heroic stand made by the Russian people against the invader, on June 22. The indirect help rendered by Russia to Britain by causing the diversion of Nazi forces to the Russian front allowing a respite for preparation by Britain, was discussed by Mr. A. Abdul Hakim on June 25. Rao Sahib S. K. Devasigamani described the help rendered by Britain and America to Russia in his talk on June 26. The epoch-making significance of the Anglo-Russian Treaty of Alliance was the subject of Mr. S. Ratnam's talk broadcast on June 27. A vivid account of the new spirit permeating the life of the peoples of Russia was given in a talk by a high ecclesiastical dignitary whose acquaintance with Russia extended over the last 40 years, his latest visit to the country being a year ago.

The National War Front Campaign came in for exhaustive treatment during the month. "Economising for Victory" was dealt with by Mr. P. N. Subramanyam (in his talk on "Ourselves and the War") on June 9 and an appeal to the people to grow more food crops was made on June 16 by Mr. N. A. Vriddhachala Reddiar, who has an intimate knowledge of agricultural conditions in the Presidency and who is himself a prominent agriculturist. A doctor gave a graphic account of the working of Blood Banks and made an appeal to donors of blood to come forward in greater numbers in a broadcast on June 23. The saving of coal and light as a part of the National War Front Campaign was discussed by Mr. V. Seshasayee, Managing Director of the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, on June 29.

Two reviews of great topical value were broadcast on June 27 and 28 when Mr. S. Thothadri Ayyangar gave a vivid exposition of John Gunther's latest book "Inside Latin America."

The Rev. Fr. L. M. Balam in his talks on Axis Propaganda on June 3 and 17 exposed the false propaganda of the Axis Radio, incidentally making an eloquent plea against the speciousness and insincerity of enemy broadcasts.

Features.—United Nations' Day was celebrated through a special feature on June 14 and the mighty Russian war effort formed the subject of a colourful feature on June 22.

The A.R.P. and the part it plays in civilian life was presented through a feature entitled "Dreaming in the Black-out" included in the weekly Sunday variety programme Ariel on June 21. An exposition of this nature, it is believed, will make the subject attractive and also infuse a keen interest in A.R.P. through the means of entertainment. The topical features on Wednesdays continue to evoke wide interest.

Relays.—Extracts from the speech made by the Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Oliver Lyttleton on War Production in Britain and America were relayed from the B.B.C. on June 11. The reading by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester of the message from His Majesty the King-Emperor to the peoples and Princes of India was relayed from Delhi on June 12. An electrical recording of messages from Chungking, by the Ambassadors of Britain, the United States of America and Australia was relayed from Delhi in connection with the United Nations' Day on June 14. On the same day, excerpts from the speech made in connection with the Freedom Flag Day by General Smuts was relayed from London.

In connection with the National War Front, a talk entitled "Economise for Victory" by Mr. (now Sir) T. E. Gregory on June 8, another entitled "Blood Banks" by Dr. Vyas on June 15, one on "Grow more food crops" by the Hon'ble Mr. N. R. Sarkar on June 22 and another on "Problems connected with the National War Front" on June 29 were relayed from Delhi.

The talk by Lieut.-Genl. G. N. Molesworth on the Achievements of the Russian Army was relayed from Delhi on June 22 in connection with Russia Day.

Special broadcast.—An electrical recording of a speech on War effort made by His Excellency the Governor of Madras at a meeting arranged by the Trichinopoly District War Committee at the Town Hall Square, was broadcast on June 18.

Miscellaneous.—The daily talks on special problems connected with A.R.P. and the short talks dealing with topical subjects continue to maintain their popularity.

"Grow More Food"

Concessional Water Cess Rates

In order to encourage the growth of food crops, the Government have directed the levy of concessional rates of water-cess for fasli 1352 in respect of areas irrigated by the Basavanna channel, Roya channel and Kamalapuram tank in the Hospet taluk, Bellary district, as follows :—

	First crop.	Second crop.	Dufassal crop.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
(i) In areas newly brought under irrigation in fasli 1352.	6 0 0	3 0 0 (Paddy)	11 4 0 (Sugarcane)
(ii) In other areas.	7 8 0	3 12 0	11 4 0

Backyard Cultivation

The Government have granted additional concessions for backyard cultivation. No charge will be levied for cultivation of backyards whether attached or detached up to 25 cents, or for any area in excess of 25 cents provided that the area in excess of 25 cents is cultivated with food crops or vegetables.

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Compounds of Government Offices

Government have directed that compounds of Government offices should, wherever practicable, be cultivated with food crops.

Each department, and in cases where there are more offices than one in a building, the Department which occupies the major portion of the building, should see to the cultivation. The Department may consult the District Agricultural Officer as to the kind of crop to be grown. The Agricultural Department will arrange for the supply of seed, if necessary.

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Cultivation of Railway Poran bokes

The Government have addressed the Railway Administrations of this Province to permit the cultivation of railway porambokes. The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway have agreed to the leasing of such railway lands as can be cultivated without detriment to their interests. The leases will be granted by the Revenue Department of the Provincial Government for three years from fasli 1352 and will be for the cultivation of food crops and subject to a reasonable rental.

Applications for these leases should be made to the local revenue authorities.

Permission has already been granted for food crops to be grown free of assessment in faslis 1351, 1352 and 1353 on any unoccupied assessed Government land, unassessed land or disafforested land, on which crops had not been raised in both faslis 1349 and 1350. Representations have been made to Government that the ryot should be assured of being continued in possession of the land after the expiry of this period in consideration of the labour and capital spent on land in order to make it cultivable. The Government are now pleased to permit any assessed waste land on which no crop was raised in both faslis 1349 and 1350 to be assigned forthwith free of assessment for faslis 1352, 1353 and 1354 provided it does not form part of a compact block and that its assignment is not objectionable under the existing orders and has not been specifically prohibited and that only food crops are grown thereon for three years.

This concession does not apply to the area benefited by the Cauvery-Mettur Project in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts for which other concessions have been announced in Press Note No. 19, dated the 21st January 1942.

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Cauvery-Mettur area: Further Concessions

The Government had permitted the assignment of land not in compact blocks in the Cauvery-Mettur Project area, and the temporary grant of lands in compact blocks, and of lands not in compact blocks for which there were no bidders for five years for cultivation of food crops. The Government have now directed that whether the lands are assigned outright or given on temporary grants they shall be free of dry assessment for faslis 1352, 1353 and 1354. They will, however, be subject to the payment of the concessional water-rate of Rs. 5 per acre for the first crop and corresponding rates for other crops.

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Exemption from inclusion fees

In order to encourage the growth of food crops, the Government have directed that lands within the ayacuts of the Kistna and Godavari deltas not previously irrigated may be included in the ayacut on application without any liability to pay inclusion fees provided that the land is brought under irrigation in fasli 1352.

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Grow-More-Food Committee

In *TRICHINOPOLY* district, the Working Committee of the District War Committee held a meeting on June 3rd and decided to constitute a separate sub-committee to be called "Grow More Food Committee" with a view to planning out an intensive campaign for increased cultivation of food crops in the district. The newly-constituted sub-committee held its first meeting on June 17 and passed resolutions advocating large-scale cultivation of crops like Cholam, Kambu and Varagu, to the exclusion of crops having no basic food value.

Price Control

Foodgrains

The Government of India have issued the Foodgrains Control Order, 1942 under which no person, other than producers of foodgrains, shall engage in any undertaking which involves the purchase, sale or storage for sale in wholesale quantities, i.e., quantities exceeding 20 Imperial maunds in any one transaction, of certain specified foodgrains, except under and in accordance with a licence issued in that behalf by the Provincial Government. The Madras Government have brought the Order into force in the Province of Madras from the 22nd June 1942 and made it applicable to (1) wheat and wheat products (including ata, maida, rawa, suji and bran), (2) rice in the husk (paddy) and (3) rice husked. Applications for licence (in the prescribed form) and all correspondence relating thereto should be

made to the Special Officer for Prices, Chepauk, Madras. It will be an offence to purchase, sell or store for sale these grains above the permissible quantity from 22nd June 1942 without a licence.

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Matches

The Government of India, says a press note issued by the Madras Government have fixed the maximum retail prices of matches at—

1½ pice (or 4½ pies) per box or booklet of 40 sticks.

2 pice (or 6 pies) per box or booklet of 60 sticks.

3 pice (or 9 pies) per box or booklet of 80 sticks.

It is an offence for anyone to sell matches at prices in excess of these rates. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that dealers do not adhere to the maximum price of 4½ pies per single box or 9 pies per two boxes of 40 sticks and that this size is frequently sold even at six pies per box. Even when only a single box is purchased and five pies are recovered from a purchaser, due to the absence of half coins in this Province, he is entitled to be compensated for the odd half pie recovered from him in excess by some article, e.g., beedi or pan. There is no justification for charging five pies or more per box. The Government have instructed Collectors to give wide publicity to the maximum prices fixed by the Government of India and deal suitably with any violation of the Control Order.

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Marketing news

The Conference of Ministers on Agricultural Marketing held at New Delhi in November 1938 recommended that the Provincial and State Marketing staffs should make arrangements for collecting and recording commercial prices for commodities of local importance—particularly in " key " markets—and for disseminating news regarding prices, supplies, and stock to smaller country markets and to producers in rural areas. The Government have directed that the Director of Industries and Commerce should be responsible for the collection and dissemination of marketing intelligence and that the provincial marketing staff should be the agency for the Director of Industries and Commerce to collect the information and that it should work in close liaison with him.

Relief to Weavers

In *TINNEVELLY* district, a sum of Rs. 1,374–10–0 was distributed to weavers in distress in Melapalayam and Palamcottah in the first week of June. Subsequently on the improvement of the condition of the weavers, the relief measure was discontinued. For Melapalayam village, the Yarn Commissioner proposed to give work to about 500 looms for weaving cloth required by the Supply Department of the Government of India.

Extensions of Electrical Supply

(Embargo Relaxed)

Owing to Military requirements and the shortage of electrical equipment of all kinds and of steel and other metals the Government were constrained to put an embargo on extensions of electrical supply involving the use of electrical stores. Since then, the situation in regard to the distribution of food stuffs with reference to the shortage of rolling stock on the railways has emphasized the need for distribution in the most economical form, that is to say, as much as possible of the paddy must be hulled before transport, but the milling capacity depends to a material extent on the use of diesel oil for milling machinery and diesel oil is now itself in short supply and its use has to be economised.

The Government are therefore now prepared to consider again the substitution of electrical drive for diesel engines where this substitution can be effected without the use of considerable quantities of equipment. Any owner of a rice mill wishing to change over to electric power may submit his application to Government through the Chief Engineer (Electricity).

As a further measure of economy in the use of light diesel oil the Government have had under conisderation the provision of a satisfactory substitute. Investigations were carried out by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Industrial Research Bureau, on the use of Indian vegetable oils as fuel for diesel engines and the results were published by the Government of India in 1940 in bulletin No. 19 (Bulletins of Indian Industrial Research). The bulletin indicates, in brief, that most of the vegetable oils may be successfully employed as diesel fuel; the oils that do not require any modifications in the engine except minor adjustments include groundnut oil.

Tests were also conducted a few days ago at the College of Engineering, Guindy, when groundnut oil was used in a Lister High speed twelve H.P. engine. The result was satisfactory, and it was reported, on these tests, that groundnut oil can be substituted for light diesel oil in high speed diesel engines as an emergency measure. Filtering of the groundnut oil, starting and stopping with diesel oil and slight preheating of the groundnut oil, were the only precautions found necessary. The cost of groundnut oil is, at present, greater than the cost of diesel oil. In view of the serious shortage of diesel oil, the Government wish to draw attention to the possibility of using groundnut oil in substitution.

Evacuees from Malaya

Procedure for Dealing with Claims

The offices of the Malayan Representative in India have been opened at Bangalore and Bombay. His Headquarters Office is at 2L, South Parade, Andrew's Building, Bangalore. It deals with evacuees living in and south of Hyderabad State. His other office which deals with evacuees who live north of Hyderabad State is situated at Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Bombay.

The representative is authorized to deal with Malayan claims as under:—

(*a*) Arrears of pay of volunteers and of members of the Local Defence Corps who escaped to India from Malaya.

(*b*) Maintenance allowances to wives and dependants in India of volunteers and members of the Local Defence Corps who are now presumed to be prisoners of war in enemy-occupied territory.

(*c*) Salaries of Government servants who escaped from Malaya to India or who were on leave in India.

(*d*) Government pensioners.

(*e*) Allotments of salary of Government servants and pensioners now in Malaya to wives and dependants in India.

(*f*) Continuation of education of Malayan scholars.

Malayan evacuees who appear to be eligible to any of the above claims should apply as soon as possible by letter. If their claims are admitted, they should not receive any allowances from any other official source.

In *TINNEVELLY* district, Rs. 1,921–11–0 was disbursed for the relief of evacuees. A sum of Rs. 51–6–0 was paid from the Provincial War Committee Fund towards free grants to assist destitute evacuees with train fare on their way to seek emloyment. Rs. 15–3–0 was spent.

In *MADURA* City, the City Propaganda Committee interviewed 25 evacuees and gave them aid.

General Enquiries

Other Malayan evacuees—excluding members of the Regular Fighting Services and their dependants—should apply for relief to the local civil authorities.

Enquiries about persons now in enemy-occupied territories may be made to the Red Cross Commissioner, 20, Talkatora Road, New Delhi, or the Department of Indians Overseas, Government of India, New Delhi.

General enquiries, e.g., regarding news of friends who have left Malaya, may be made by letter addressed to the Malayan Representative's offices at Bangalore and Bombay.

Some evacuees from Burma, Malaya and Singapore, it is learnt, had presented their Post office savings bank pass-books at the Post offices concerned for the transfer of their accounts to India. These pass-books have been left with those offices, though receipts have been obtained in lieu. As there is no possibility now of getting them, these receipts will be treated as pass-books and withdrawals permitted, in accordance with instructions already issued.

Silk for Parachutes

Madras Govt. to install 1,000 basins

To meet the growing demands for silk for the manufacture of parachutes a scheme has recently been introduced for expanding the filature reeling of silk in India. The capital cost of the scheme, estimated at Rs. 18½ lakhs, is to be borne by His Majesty's Government.

The scheme involves the installation of 3,000 additional basins, a test house and a silk conditioning house. The Madras Government have agreed to install and work 1,000 basins, and negotiations are proceeding with other provinces, notably Mysore and Bengal, to implement the full scheme.

It is anticipated that when the scheme comes into full operation, it will help to effect a change-over from village hand-reeling to filature reeling by turning out an extra 1,000,000 lb. of filature reeled raw silk suitable for all parachute silk components.

Though India has a surplus production of raw silk, her output of filature-reeled silk is hardly enough for her own needs. Eighty per cent of the raw silk produced is hand-reeled and consequently uneven and unsuitable for parachute components. The only prospect of meeting the present demands, therefore, is by increasing the filature-reeling capacity—and this is now proposed to be done under the new scheme.

Quarantine Restriction in Ceylon

Passengers by sea from Tellicherry Warned

Information has been received that the Government of Ceylon have imposed quarantine restrictions on account of plague against arrivals by sea from Tellicherry.

In order to avoid possible delay and inconvenience at the port of debarkation, passengers embarking at Tellicherry for Ceylon are advised to be in possession of inoculation certificates showing that inoculation has been performed not less than six days and not more than six months prior to arrival in Ceylon.

Mysore's Contribution

The Mysore War Fund have generously contributed a further sum of Rs. 3,275 to His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund for the purchase of a Field Ambulance to be named 'Kolar District'. The gift has been gratefully accepted by His Excellency the Crown Representative.

Bangalore Cadets raise Rs. 10,500

A sum of Rs. 10,500 has been subscribed by the cadets, staffs and general personnel of the Officer's Training School, Bangalore, for the purchase of an armoured carrier.

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